A PRIZE-WINNING TURNIP . . . displayed by Donna Hamlett, (left), Al Hamlett, (Center), and Steve Hamlett, (right) and grown on the farm of their uncle, Wade Baldwin of near Pamplin. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hamlett of Evergreen. The turnip weighed approximately eight pounds.

Fall-fertilization benefits cited

By GEORGE HAWKINS

Lime and fertilizer applications are an indispensable part of any program of crop production. Use of these products will account for between 35 to 44 percent of the total yield.

Farmer realization of this important role is the primary reason for the impressive increase in plant nutrient application that has occured over the past decade. Fertilizer nutrient application has increased 22 percent on corn, 35 percent on soybeans and 44 percent on wheat.

The production, storage, distribution and application of these large volumes of fertilizers have presented significant problems to fertilizer producers, dealers and farmers. In an effort to keep fertilizer prices as reasonable as possible, we need to be looking for ways to protect fertilizers from unnecessary cost increases. As the amount of fertilizer use increases, our habit of concentrating fertilizer application in a short, hectic period in the spring of the year cannot help but increase fertilizer costs. By spreading the application period more evenly throughout the year, fertilizer manufacturers and dealers can avoid the increased costs of larger inventories and more storage facilities, application equipment and personnel that would be used a minimal amount during the off season. The fact that seasonal variations in prices. In all but three of the last ten years, fall prices have been less than spring prices.

In the fall of 1973, prices were a whopping 26 percent less than they were in the spring of 1974.

Better use of time is another reason farmers should be applying more of their lime and fertilizers in the fall. Immediately after crop harvesting, we have the time to pull soil samples, meet with our fertilizer dealers and make arrangements for lime and fertilizer applications. Add to this the fact that land will be dryer and resulting compaction caused by heavy truck traffic will be much less. Fall applications become even more preferable.

There is always a question about risk associated with fertilizer application in the fall. Leaching and denitrification losses of nitrogen require that application of this nutrient be delayed. However, it's an entirely different story with lime, phosphate and potash applications. Fall application on perennial forage crops and pastures is preferred because it increases winter survival of these plants plus giving yield increases equal to or greater than those obtained with spring applications.

Results from an eight year experiment at the Eastern Virginia Research Station are very interesting. This research was concerned with finding the best time to apply phosphate and potash in a corn, wheat, soybean rotation. In one treatment all of the phosphate and potash needed for the rotation was applied to the corn; in another all of the phosphate and potash was applied to the wheat; in a third treatment it was all applied to the soybeans. In the last treatment, the total phosphate and potash needs for the rotation were evenly divided between the three crops. The time of fertilizer application in the rotation had no effect on either corn or soybean yields. There was a trend toward greater wheat yields when the fertilizer was applied more closely to the wheat grown in the rotation.

If time of application within the two year rotation had no effect on corn and soybean yields, clearly these two nutrients can be applied in the fall for next years corn and soybean production. Phosphate and potash needed for wheat production should always be either broadcast and disked in before the wheat is planted, applied through the drill when the wheat is being planted, or as a combination of these two methods.

We have discussed five reasons for fall application of lime potash and phosphate. These are: 1. Price consideration, 2. More efficient use of time, 3. Reduction in soil compaction, 4. Increased winter survival of perennial forage crops, and 5. equally effective use of fall versus spring applied phosphate and potash. Clearly, it is a practice one should follow.

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The value of school volunteers

During the current school year many persons are assisting Appomattox County Public Schools as volunteers. The number exceeds one hundred.

How do volunteers assist the schools? The assignments of volunteers will vary according to their interests, skills, experiences and talents. However, there are many opportunities to be of service. Listening to students read, reading to students, sharing experiences, checking papers, typing papers for teachers, collecting materials, supervising field trips, assisting with music activities and checking out books from the library are just a few examples of the many ways volunteers may be of help to the schools.

Who are volunteers? The majority of volunteers in Appomattox County Schools are parents of school age children. These parents do not have fulltime work outside the home. Therefore, they have time to become actively involved in community and school activities.

Other persons in the community who should consider becoming volunteers in the schools are retirees. Persons who have retired have unlimited experiences and talents to share with youth. Assisting youth will be a rewarding experience.

If you have not served as a volunteer in the schools, please consider this opportunity to help young people. Any assistance will be helpful. You may work one hour per week or as many hours as you are willing to give.

Students need your interest and encouragement. Teachers and the schools need your involvement and assistance. Will you seriously consider becoming a volunteer in the schools? Call the schools or the Appomattox County School Board for additional information.

Catholic Mass set for Dec. 6

Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church will have mass at 11:30 on Sunday, December 6 at the Oakville School on Highway 26.

Christmas Cantata practice will be at 10:15 a.m. at the school.

Bible study, St. Luke's Gospel, will be immediately following Mass. Members should bring their Bibles.

On Monday, Dec. 7, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass will be at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

The first Sunday of each month is collection day for foodstuffs for the needy.

Father Albert Pereira of Hurt, Va., is pastor of the church.

BABY OF THE WEEK

JEFFREY WAYNE BALDWIN, age 2, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wayne Baldwin of Pamplin. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Gwendolyn Hammack of Rawlings, Va. and the late John E. Jamerson. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Baldwin of Pamplin. Great-grandfather is Mr John R. Jamerson of Prospect.

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Ms. Michael Ray Goin

Robertson, Goin wed

The marriage of Miss Debra Kaye Robertson, daughter of Mrs. John Boatwright Robertson and the late Mr. Robertson of Buckingham County, and Michael Ray Goin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Julian Goin, of Prospect, took place at 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, at Glenmore United Methodist Church.

The Reverend Thomas Sherrod, pastor, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by her brother, John Wayne Robertson of Buckingham County, the bride wore a white formal gown of sheer organza over taffeta. The gown featured a Queen Anne neckline and fully covered French chantilly lace bodice to the natural waistline. The sleeves were full bishop sheer organza with matching lace cuffs and appliques. The full skirt of the gown was enhanced by a sunburst of pleats and French chantilly lace flowing into a cathedral length train. She also wore a matching waist length veil with a border of French chantilly lace.

Mrs. Kathryn Schroeder Robertson, sister-in-law of the bride, of Buckingham County, was matron of honor, and Miss Tammy Francine Harris, of Buckingham County, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Robin Lynn Gunter, of Buckingham County; Miss Michelle Ann Taperino, of Farmville; Mrs. Deborah Ragland Ralston, of Fluvanna; and Miss Ann Thomas Bushman, of Buckingham. Miss Melanie Kay Robertson, niece of the bride, of Buckingham, was flower girl.

Mr. Goin served as his son's best man. Ushers were Wayne Settle, of Appomattox; Stanley Allen, of Prospect; Ronald Jamerson and Paul Holmes, both of Buckingham; and Marvin Goin, brother of the groom, of Farmville. Master Kristofer Goin, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the church.

After a wedding trip to the Smoky Mountains, the couple will live in Buckingham.

Social News

Mr. and Ms. Grover Beasley, Jr. visited their son, Tye Beasley and family of Las Vegas, Nev. Thanksgiving week.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Thomas of Newport News were recent guests of Mrs. S. J. Evans. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Newcomb and Scottie were also recent guests in the same home.

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Miss Nadine Bugg traveled with John Blakely and his family to Portsmouth this past weekend to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Blakely, who passed away Thanksgiving Day as the result of a recent illness.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bugg visited in Richmond and Roanoke last week. They also visited in Clifton Forge and Covington on last Monday.

Breakfast with Santa

Santa will be at the Appomattox County High School cafeteria on Saturday, December 12 from 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. to have breakfast with each child that is accompanied with an adult.

"Breakfast with Santa" is sponsored by the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club and will include scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits with butter and jelly, orange drink and coffee. The admission is only $2.00 per person and each child will receive free favors.

Mrs. Claus and Santa's helpers will be present for the breakfast and photographer Robert Pankey will be on-hand to take pictures of the children with Santa at an additional fee.

Advance tickets for the breakfast are availble at the American Federal Savings Loan, Appomattox Rexall Drugs, Farmers National Bank, (Main Street location), Stephen's Fashions, Wilkes' Jewelers or from any member of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club.

Miss Lawson honored

Miss Beth Lawson, bride elect, was honored when Mrs. Peggy Lawson and Mrs. Patsy Lawson entertained with a miscellaneous bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Peggy Lawson.

A silk flower arrangement on the refreshement table carried out the color scheme of pink and red and was presented to the bride elect at the end of the evening's festivities.

Guests attending included friends and relatives of the couple.

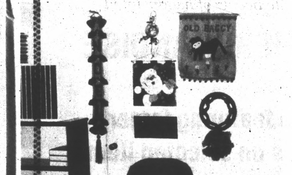
Miss Lawson and Mr. Dillard Reynolds will be married on December 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial United Methodist Church.

Club plans supper

The Oakville Home and Garden Club will have their family Christmas supper on Dec. 8, 6:00 p.m., at Oakville School.

The club will furnish the meat, and members are to bring covered dishes. There will be special entertainment for the evening.

Members are reminded to bring items for boxes to be prepared for shut-ins.



THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR of the Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church's Stitch and Chatter group will be open on Friday, December 4 from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and again on Saturday, December 5 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Unusual gifts of all kinds, decorations for the home and tree and baked goods will be among the items offered for sale.

Santa set

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Santa will be at the Clubhouse on Sunday, December 6 from 2 until 4 to visit with your children. Bring your children to talk with Santa and have refreshments with their friends!

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Oakville club plans dinner

The Oakville Extension Homemakers will have their family Christmas covered dish supper at Oakville School, Thursday, Dec. 10, at 6:00 p.m.

All members and their families are urged to attend.

Miss Lawson honored

Miss Beth Lawson, bride elect, was honored with a linen shower when Mrs. Thomas A. Bondurant, Mrs. L. Ricky Burge, and Mrs. Billy Austin entertained on Satruday, November 28 at three o'clock in the afternoon in the Bondurant home.

The refreshment table reflected the traditional bridal motif.

Guests included friends and relatives of the couple.

The wedding of Miss Lawson, the daughter of Mrs. Merle Lawson and Dr. S. R. Lawson to Mr. Dillard Reynolds, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Reynolds will be an event of December 18 at 7:30 in the evening in the Memorial United Methodist Church.

Chestnut Grove news

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Cook and Edward of Covington, Louisiana spent last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meek of Virginia Beach were week end visitors of Mrs. Ester Forbes and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mann.

Woodrow Cook is a patient at Southside Hospital but is improving. Wayne Cook of Richmond and Mrs. Robert Melville of Virginia Beach spent the week end with Mrs. W. T. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Harris and boys attended Thanksgiving service and dinner at Jones Chapel-Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris were last Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shepard in Cumberland.

Mrs. John Meek of Virginia Beach, Mrs. Ester Forbes of Dillwyn were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr., Kathy & Kemper III were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Katherine Carson at Spout Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Harper and Stacey, all of Chesterfield spent last week at the Glover Place and were frequent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morris. Billy Morris of Richmond spent the week end in the Morris home also.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. were Mrs. Cindy Thomas and Will of Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Haver and Bill of Dillwyn and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Morris and Cindy were Wednesday night vitiors of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris. Wednesday supper guest were Chris and Sharon Hardiman of Dillwyn. Friday supper guest Richard Wootten also of Dillwyn.

Recent weekend visitors of Mrs. Alice Senger were Mrs. Edith Zievardo of Thorp, Wisconsin and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wood of Nokesville. Sunday guest of Mrs. Senger were Frank Pope of Crewe, Michael and Henson Pope of Abingdon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris were Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris.

Miss Fraley honored

Miss Marie Fraley, bride elect, was honored when Miss Cheryl McCormick and Miss Susan Godsey entertained with a miscellaneous floating shower at the McCormick home on Saturday, November 21.

An arrangement of magnolia flanked by candles accented the refreshment table from which guests were served punch, decorated cake, mints, nuts and homemade candies.

The guests included friends and relatives of the couple.

The wedding of Miss Fraley, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fraley Jr. to Mr. Leonard A. McCormick, Jr. the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard A. McCormick Sr., will be an event of January 2 at seven o'clock in the evening at the Liberty Baptist Church.

Mt. Shiloh News

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands." Psalm 100:1

There will be a three-way sermon Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. The guest ministers will be the Rev Curtis Elliott, the Rev. Johnny Paige and the third speaker, at this time, is unknown." This is a benefit service for the widows of the church. We welcome you to this annual event.

Let's pray for the less fortunate and the sick and shut-in.

Mt. Pleasant News

"If a man says, I love God; and hateth his brother, he is a liar, for he that loveth not his brother whom he have seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 1 John 4:20".

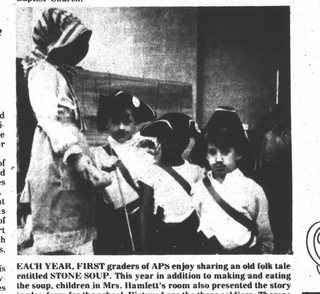
There was a nice crowd at church last Sunday. The Rev. Napier brought forth a lovely message, "Praise God and Give Thanks". Everyone enjoyed the message. Our pastor and wife went to Blackstone to visit Mrs. Ann Franklin. She is in a nursing home there. The same day he visited Miss Hattie Jones. He said their spirits seemed to be lifted from his visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thornton and children, Mrs. Odell Chambers and Clifton Tweedy spent Thanksgiving in Mt. Airy, Baltimore with his oldest daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sunny Patarick. We had an enjoyable time. The weather was beautiful.

Mrs. Marva Thronton and two girls, Mrs. Mary E. Walker, Denise Jackson, Mary and Patricia Scoot and Odell Chambers attended the annual East and West Union at Morning Star last Sunday. Everything was conducted very well. Little Laranda Thronton took part in the youth program. She is only six, she played "Jesus Loves Me." Misses Denise Jackson, Mary and Patarica Scott sang "Didn't it Rain." The Rev. Wood gave some good points on the duties of the minister-deacon trustee's, supt. and teacher, how to make a better Sunday School. Dean Lloyd Abbitt was absent. He has been on the sick list. The ladies served refreshments at the close of the service.

There will be a rehearsal Saturday at 4 p.m. for "Go Where I Send Thee". All of the Captains try to be present and on time.

We are praying for the sick and shut-in everywhere.



EACH YEAR, FIRST graders of AP's enjoy sharing an old folk tale entitled STONE SOUP. This year in addition to making and eating the soup, children in Mrs. Hamlett's room also presented the story in play form for the school. Pictured are the three cooks, Thomas Nolen, Todd Hancock, Jeffrey Stratton and a villager, Lori O'Brien.

Raider Review

By JANE GUILL

Computers, computers, computers; the whole world has emerged into a computer craze. In keeping up with this fast growing technology, Appomattox County High School has acquired three computer terminals.

This year the computers were purchased for use by gifted and talented students. However, it is hopeful that a computer class will be offered as a regular business course next year.

Recently a computer programming mini-course was taught to ten gifted and talented students and two faculty members. Mr. John Clark, business teacher at ACHS was the instructor for the class. Students participating in the class were given an orientation to the computer. In the language BASIC (Beginning All Purpose Instructional Code), the students learned to flow chart a given business problem. Some examples of business problems are; payroll, inventory, hospital records, or any business application. The class met for two weeks at 8:00 each morning. The students and teachers now work with the computer independently. They devise basic programs geared toward business. Mr. Clark said that the classes were very successful, the students have a real desire to learn and are motivated."

It is anticipated that the mini-course will be offered again next semester. Mr. Clark added, "the computer class will benefit any student who takes part in the program."

One of the three computers was purchased with gifted and talented funds, the other two were purchased by the vocational department. The computers are used primarily by gifted and talented students, but students enrolled in business courses also use the computers in their classes.

The computers were purchased in order to help the career orientated students, because the majority of careers center around the use of computers. Mrs. Linda Archer, gifted and talented sponsor and guidance counselor commented. "In light of using the computer as a career tool, it is one of the best opportunities we have for any students going into any field."

Computers are now being used everyday in almost every career, it is essential to have some knowledge and background in computer use. Appomattox County High School now has the opportunity to offer that knowledge to its students.

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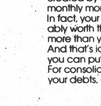

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